

List of questions

to be answered in the host's statement

Please answer the following questions in the order given to produce a 1-2 page expert opinion. It should be accompanied by a signed confirmation that research facilities will be made available. This information is important for the members of our Selection Committee to better assess the scientific qualification of an applicant.

- 1. Do you know the applicant personally, or are you in contact with anyone at her/his current institute?
- 2. How do you rate the applicant's academic record and academic achievements to date? Please consider the following points: dedication, mobility, breadth of specialisation, academic productivity, future potential.
- 3. How do you rate the quality of the applicant's key publications?

 Please consider the following points: originality, innovativeness, impact on the continued development of the field, candidate's personal contribution (multiple authorship).
- 4. Do you know the applicant's expert reviewers and how do you rate them?
- 5. How do you rate the research outline the applicant has submitted?

 Please consider the following points: current relevance, originality, clarity of focus, academic (methodological) quality, feasibility at the host institute, potential for continuing the applicant's academic development, chances of success in the period envisaged for sponsorship.
- 6. To what extent were you or other persons involved in drawing up the research outline the applicant has submitted? Will it overlap/interact with other work being carried out at your institute?
- 7. Adequate German and/or English language skills are necessary to successfully carry out the intended research. How, and on what basis, would you rate the applicant's (written and spoken) language skills?

Only required for applications submitted by **experienced** researchers:

8. How do you rate the applicant's own research profile?